

JOHN AND THOMAS JORDAN OF GUILFORD, CONN.,  
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> and THOMAS<sup>1</sup> JORDAN, probably brothers, were among the first planters of Guilford. John Jordan signed the plantation Covenant of June 1, 1639. Thomas may have been too young at that time. They were both persons of distinction among the early Colonists. John Jordan's name appears as one of the trustees in the Deed of Uncas to the settlers of Guilford, Dec. 17, 1641, and again with Mr. Disborow's and his brother Thomas Jordan's in the deed of Weekwash to Mr. Whitfield, Sept. 20, 1641. He died, probably, early in Jan., 1649-50, as his inventory is dated Feb. 1, 1649-50. In 1654 Thomas Clarke of Milford had married Ann, widow of John Jordan.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Jordan, one of the most prominent of the settlers of Guilford, was young, perhaps not quite of age, when the colony was planted. He was one of the associate Judges of the Particular Court chosen Oct. 7, 1646, and Treasurer from an early period. He was Representative in the Plantation Court, 1651-1654, at all the sessions, and was appointed by the Plantation Court to go to Boston with an answer to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1653. At a court at Guilford, Sept. 1, 1654, he took down the evidence in "short hand." About 1655 he returned to England, as he no longer appears on the Town and Colony Records. In a letter written by him to Mr. Leete, from England, he gives his house to Andrew Leete, who had married his daughter, Elizabeth Jordan, June 1, 1669. In 1706, William Leete and Caleb Leete were administrators of their grandfather "Mr. Thomas Jordan dec'd late of old England," part of whose land had been laid out first to Mr. William Leete and Mr. Thomas Jordan in common and never divided. His grandchildren were, besides William and Caleb, Samuel, Dorothy, Abigail, and Mercy Leete.

On Sept. 12, 1666, William Leete wrote to Gov. John Winthrop asking him (4 Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., vii., p. 558) to try to gain Mr. Jordan's consent to the intermarriage of Jordan's daughter Elizabeth to Leete's son Andrew. On Mch. 25, 1674, a letter was shown the townsmen of Guilford, from Thomas Jordan to Gov. Leete, authorizing the recording of Jordan's land to Andrew Leete, with the condition that "should he bury her and take another wife," after his death the land "shall go to the children of my daughter, or for want of heirs of her body to my lawful heirs."

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> JORDAN married Ann, daughter of John Bishop, and had the following children:

- i. HANNAH,<sup>2</sup> m. June 28, 1666, Esbon Wakeman.
- ii. ELIZABETH, d. 1720; m. Nov. 17, 1664, Daniel Hubbard, who d. 1720.
- iii. MARY, m. Abraham Post (wrongly called *Abner* in REGISTER, vol. 59, p. 132).

2. iv. JOHN, b. Mar., 1646-7.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> JORDAN (*John*<sup>1</sup>) was a cooper, and married Deborah ———, who died in 1677. He removed to Middletown, and sold his homelot in Guilford to William Leete, Jr., on June 24, 1679. Before

JORDAN OF GUILFORD, CONN.—Supplementary to the notes of Dr. Bernard C. Steiner on John and Thomas Jordan of Guilford, Conn., and their descendants, printed in the REGISTER vol. 62, page 333, it may be said that John<sup>2</sup> Jordan (John<sup>1</sup>) married a second time, and the evidence seems reasonably satisfactory that his second wife was Katharine, daughter of Alexander and Katharine (Post) Chalker, and that she was the mother of James<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) Jordan, and probably of Catherine Jordan who married William Bushnell.

A return of arbitrators to settle a difficulty between Thomas Avery *et al.* and James Jordan and Stephen Post, in behalf of his brethren, concerning a piece of land in Saybrook (Saybrook Records, vol. 2, p. 137), dated Oct. 25, 1705, recites that "the meadow descended from Mr. Stephen Post, now in possession of his grand-children Abram and James Post and his great-grand-child James Jurdan."

Abraham, son of Stephen Post of Saybrook, married Mary, the sister of John<sup>2</sup> Jordan, as noted by Dr. Steiner. Katharine, daughter of Stephen Post, married Alexander Chalker, and was the mother of four daughters: Mary, b. 1633, who married Richard Cozzens; Katharine, b. 1657; Sarah, b. 1659; Jane, b. 1662.

It has been stated that Katharine, daughter of Alexander Chalker, married John Hills, but Saybrook Records (vol. 1, p. 123) afford ample proof that John Hills married the widow, and not the daughter, of Alexander Chalker. The process of elimination shows that in this Chalker family must be found the grand-daughter of Stephen Post, who married John<sup>2</sup> Jordan, and further proof appears from the fact that Abraham, son of Alexander Chalker, executor of John<sup>2</sup> Jordan's will (will not found), recites himself as the "cousin" (uncle) of Mary<sup>2</sup> Jordan (John<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). Of the three younger Chalker girls, Katherine, by reason of age and the passing down of the name in the next generation, seems probably to have been the wife of John<sup>2</sup> Jordan (John<sup>1</sup>). MATT B. JONES.

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